against a target of 1.71 m. hectares in the country.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

**Voluntary Organisations engaged in Promoting Environment Awareness**

1839. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of different voluntary organisations and the amount disbursed to such organisations by Government for promoting environment awareness amongst the people during the last one year; and

(b) what is the method for selecting such organisation for the aforesaid purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. (See Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 85].

(b) An empowered Committee consisting of experts and the officials of the Department had examined the proposals received from various organisations and selected the organisations for the purpose of promotion of environmental awareness on the basis of the credibility, potentiality and innovativeness of the proposals submitted.

**Rise in Unemployment in Delhi**

1840. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 1986 about 1.7 lakh job-seekers got registered in Employment Exchanges in Delhi and only 44,000 could get placements while in 1985, about 2 lakh job-seekers got registered and nearly 57,000 got placements; and

(b) if so, what are the reasoss for the rise in unemployment and decline in placements in 1986 as compared to 1985 and what steps have been taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the job-seekers registered with Employment Exchanges are not necessarily unemployed. Employment Exchanges are one amongst several agencies through which placements of unemployed are effected against notified vacancies. Decline in placements in 1986 as compared to 1985 is due to the less number of vacancies notified to the Employment Exchanges.

**Fishermen in Pakistani Jails**

1841. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Indian fishermen who were captured by Pakistani authorities during the last three years and are at present serving sentences in Pakistani jails;

(b) what is the number of Indian fishing boats captured by Pakistan during the last three years; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to get the fishermen and also the fishing boats released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) 133 of which 108 are believed to be still in Pakistani custody.

(b) 15 and 2 Taiwanese vessels on lease.

(c) Government have been actively taking up the question of the release of Indian boats and fishermen with the Government of Pakistan and have so far secured the release of four boats and 25 fishermen.